GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR VOCATIONAL COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to the State Governments for colleges and Universities, for starting vocational courses, during the year 2002-2003, State-wise, college-wise;

(b) the details of achievements made so far, in this respect; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose for 2003- 2004?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission does not allocatefunds to the State Governments for colleges and universities for starting vocational courses. However, the Commission has introduced a scheme on Vocationalization (Career Orientation) of Higher Education at First Degree Level from 1994-95.Under the Scheme financial assistance is provided by the UGC to the universities and colleges for incorporating the vocational courses. In the year 2002-2003, an amount of Rs.2352.00 lakhs was released to 336 institutions identified for the scheme. The list showing the amount paid to the universities/colleges, State- wise and College-wise, is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b): Under this Scheme, the UGC has so far identified 42 subjects, which are being run in 2124 colleges and 38 universities. Since 1994-95, UGC has invested Rs.191.81 crore for the promotion of Vocationalization of Higher Education at the undergraduate level.

(c): An amount of Rs.40.00 crores has been proposed to be allocated for the year 2003-2004.